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Santa Claus Will Visit Stratford Saturday

Santa Claus will visit Stratford Saturday afternoon with treats of candy, oranges, apples, and nuts for every boy and girl in the Stratford trade territory. Children of the territory are invited to await the arrival of old Santa Claus on Main Street in Stratford Saturday afternoon at about 2:00 o'clock. Advance information states that the jolly old gent plans to make his appearance on Main Street aboard one of the city's fire trucks and that he will have several assistants to aid him in the distribution of the gifts. The annual Christmas program with its treats for the children of the territory is carried out through the cooperation of several organizations of the city and county.

County 4-H Youths Are Given Awards

Awards for outstanding 4-H club work during the year were presented at the annual achievement day program held in the new agricultural exhibit building in Stratford Saturday night. Hal Bennett and Walter Laseley won achievement awards. Agricultural awards went to James Cameron, Boyd Spurlock, Sandy Tillery and Rex Tillery. Larry Goule won the citizenship award. Shelia Donelson received the clothing award. Kay Spurlock and Mary Gay Judd received medals for winning dress revue honors. Field crop awards went to Jerry Mathews, Charlie Crabtree, Don Roper and Neil Harris. Food preparation awards were won by Ellen Dyess, Elaine Spurlock, Linda McRae and Laurina Riggs. Donnie Parvin won the garden award. A leadership award went to Keith Borth. Poultry awards were presented to Buddy Riggs, Jerry Burkham and Riekie Pickens. Ernie Dyess, Cleo Aduddell, Ben Newman and Bill Kirkwood won swine awards. Gold Star awards were presented to Scott Whorton and Kay Spurlock.

Airman Corbell Will Serve In Germany

Airman third class George Corbell Jr. is at home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Corbell, before leaving for three years of service overseas with the U. S. Air Force. Corbell will leave Stratford January 10 to report for duty. He expects to be assigned to duty in Rhinestine, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Corbell and their son spent the week end visiting her mother, Mrs. Pearl Dyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Flint in Clinton, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pollan in Sentinel, Oklahoma.

Booming, industrial Sao Paulo, mushrooming at the rate of 35 new buildings a day, now is challenging Brazil's largest city, Rio de Janeiro, home of 2,650,000 people. It hopes eventually to surpass Buenos Aires, busy capital of Argentina and South America's largest city.

LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa: There is a little girl, Andrea Dettle, who I think should get special recognition from you this year for honesty. She found a billfold containing \$85.00 in the theater and immediately turned it in and it was returned to the owner. Thanks Andrea.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good boy. I would like to have that cowboy gun set from Albert's Grocery, and a dump truck, and a guitar. I don't know what my brother, Steve, wants because he is just two and can't talk very well, but I think he would like Pla-Skool toys, and a table and two chairs for both of us, and a farm set. Don't forget that Rommie is in California this year. Thanks, George Coats

Dear Santa: We are two little sisters, age two and three. We have tried to be very good the past few weeks. We want tiny tears dolls, a high chair and suitcases; also anything else you might want to bring us. Don't forget our little cousins, Debbie and Cindy. We love you, Melody and Stephanie Summerour

Santa, North Pole, Dear Santa: I want a Make-up Kit, Spence, my big brother wants a BB gun. My little brother wants a pair of guns. My little sister wants a doll buggy. With love, Joy Lewis

Dear Santa: I would like a Tiny Tears Doll and some dishes for Christmas. I've been a good little girl. Don't forget to bring Phil, Steve and Andrea some presents, too. Love, Celeste Dettle

Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me a small grown-up doll with a wardrobe, Zip, the chimpanzee and twelve Startime paper dolls; and please bring me a two piece trapeze dress, and a sweat-suit. (Continued on Page 8)

Last Rites For B. A. Donelson Friday Afternoon

Funeral services for B. A. Donelson, 81 year old father of Cone, Conde and Shuler Donelson, will be held at the First Methodist Church Friday at 3:00 p. m. Rev. Charles Gates, pastor of the church, will be assisted by Rev. M. E. Upchurch, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in conducting the service. Mr. Donelson died suddenly of a heart attack Wednesday in Colorado City, Texas where he was visiting with relatives. B. A. Donelson had been a resident of Stratford for 34 years. He was born March 23, 1877. Four children survive, three sons, Cone, Conde and Shuler of Stratford, and one daughter, Mrs. Wayne Wherry of Lafette, Louisiana. Interment will be made in the Stratford cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Detmer-Peters Wedding Monday

Miss Dollie Lee Detmer and William Roy Peters were married Monday afternoon. County Judge Clyde Hudson read the nuptial vows. Mr. and Mrs. Peters plan to make their home in Stratford.

Columbus discovered the Virgin Islands on his second voyage to the New World. The largest he named Hily Cross—in Spanish, Santa Cruz. The others he named Santa Ursula y las Once Mil Virgines, in honor of St. Ursula and the 11,000 Virgins.

Xmas And New Year Stars Early

Christmas and New Year publications of the Star will be on Wednesdays. Deadlines for all copy appearing in these two issues will be 6:00 p. m. Mondays.

CYF Youths Plan Christmas Pageants

Christian Youth Fellowship members will present a pageant portraying the birth of Christ on the evenings of December 22, 23 and 24 at 7:00 p. m. on the lawn of the First Christian Church. Viewers may drive by and watch or park in front of the church. The story will be told over a loud speaker system and acted out by the members of the C.Y.F. The pageant will last approximately 15 minutes and will be given twice each night. No admission will be charged and the public is invited to view the pageant.

Mrs. Aguirre Laid To Rest Monday

Mrs. Ed Aguirre, 69 year old mother of Mrs. Herman Lavake and Mrs. Lawrence Naugle, died suddenly at the home of a daughter in Rock Springs, Wyoming early Friday morning. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Mrs. Aguirre had seemingly been enjoying good health. Funeral services were conducted Monday morning in the Catholic Church at Rock Springs where burial was made. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lavake and sons, Dwane and Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Naugle attended the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Lavake and their sons returned home Wednesday. Mrs. Aguirre is survived by three sons and a daughter other than her two daughters living in Stratford.

ANNUAL GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK



City Resuscitator Fund Has \$148 Contributed

City Adopts Sanitation Ordinance

City ordinance No. 149, a new sanitation ordinance, will be put into effect on January 1. The new ordinance sets up a sanitation service charge by combining present sewer, trash and garbage charges, and provides authority for levying and collecting this charge by order of the City Council, and provides a penalty for non-payment, as well as providing regulations concerning garbage containers and their location and provides for a fine of \$10.00 for failure to comply with the ordinance. The sanitation ordinance passed by the City Council Monday provides:

"Section 1: That there shall be levied and collected a sanitation service charge in lieu of present sewer, trash and garbage charges to effect a combination of these charges into said sanitation service charge and the same shall be payable in one statement rendered to the patron. "Section 2: That the City Council shall have the authority after the effective date hereof to levy and collect said charge from all patrons by order properly entered of record in the minute book of said City in an amount deemed necessary for the proper maintenance and extension of the sewer system and trash and garbage disposal system. "Section 3: That there is hereby provided and imposed a penalty of \$15.00 for non-payment of the sanitation service charge. This penalty shall become automatically due three days after the final notice is given to the patron. "Section 4: That the City Council shall have authority to require each and every house-

Masonic Lodge Entertains OES Members

Stratford Masons entertained the Eastern Star Saturday night in the Masonic Hall with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. A film on the Masonic Home and school at Fort Worth was shown. Santa visited the group and read letters from 11 Masons and Eastern Star members. He believed their gifts at the time so he would be that much ahead of schedule. The program was closed with a serious note as "Silent Night" was played and F. B. Mullins read a letter which included some Christmas thoughts written by Peter Marshall. Dear Friends: We have had a lot of fun tonight, and that's good, we should be happy and laugh more, because laughter is such a contagious thing. This season is a time of rejoicing. Having this party tonight made us feel young again, because it was the little gifts and surprises that pleased us. Please let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas, but remember the words of Peter Marshall and apply them to our lives. "We all feel the pressure of approaching Christmas. The traffic is terrible. You can't find parking space. The stores are crowded. Mob scenes make shopping a nightmare. You are thinking about presents, wondering what in the world you can get for so-and-so. You think of friends and loved ones who are so hard to shop for. You can't think of anything they need (which is rather strange when you take time to consider it). Maybe there is nothing in a store that they need. But what about some token of love, what about love itself, and friendship, and understanding, and consideration, and a helping hand, and a smile, and a prayer-

\$148.00 of the required \$625.00 for the purchase of a two patient resuscitator for the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department has been contributed by the citizens of Stratford, it was revealed this week by Leon Guthrie, fund secretary.

A portable Stephenson Resuscitator has been consigned to the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department for their use in the event Stratford citizens wish to make donations for its purchase. This resuscitator, which feeds a regulated amount of oxygen, can be used for heart attacks, drowning victims, shock victims and for the treatment of other injuries or illnesses which require artificial respiration for the preservation of human life. If citizens contribute a sufficient amount for the purchase of the equipment it will be maintained by the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department. In the event the fund drive fails, all contributions will be refunded to the donors and the equipment will be returned to the sales company. The Fire Department is not obligated to buy the equipment nor to pay any of the expense in returning the equipment to the company. The decision as to whether or not the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department maintains a resuscitator rests entirely with the citizens of Stratford. Citizens desiring to make contributions for the purchase of the equipment may place their money with either The First State Bank or any member of the Stratford Volunteer Fire Department.

Lions Christmas Party Monday

The annual Christmas party of the Stratford Lions Club will be held Monday night in the Palace Cafe at 7:00 o'clock as a ladies night program. Gifts not to exceed \$1.00 in cost will be exchanged by the Lions and their ladies.

Fire Department Saves Trailer

Stratford Volunteer Firemen extinguished the flames in a burning trailer house belonging to a California couple Wednesday afternoon. A right rear tire of the trailer went flat and ignited the trailer. The flames spread over much of the rear of the trailer before the fire was discovered. The fire was on U. S. highway 54 about 6 miles east of Stratford. Grass along the railroad right of way was burned by the fire. Stratford Fireman were called to an asphalt fire 7 miles east on U. S. highway 54 at noon Tuesday. "You can't buy these things in any store, and these are the very things people need. We all need them. Blessed will they be who receive them this Christmas or at any time. "We long for the abiding love among men of good will which the season brings, believing in this ancient miracle of Christmas with its softening, sweetening influence to tug at our heart strings once again. We want to hold on to the old customs and traditions because they strengthen our family ties, bind us to our friends, make us one with all mankind for whom the Child was born, and bring us back again to the God who gave His only begotten Son, "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." "So we will not "spend" Christmas, nor observe Christmas. We will "keep" Christmas, keep it as it is, in all the loveliness of its ancient traditions. May we keep it in our hearts, that we may be kept in its hope." Merry Christmas, to you and your loved ones. Stratford Lodge No. 874 Russell Beall, W. M.

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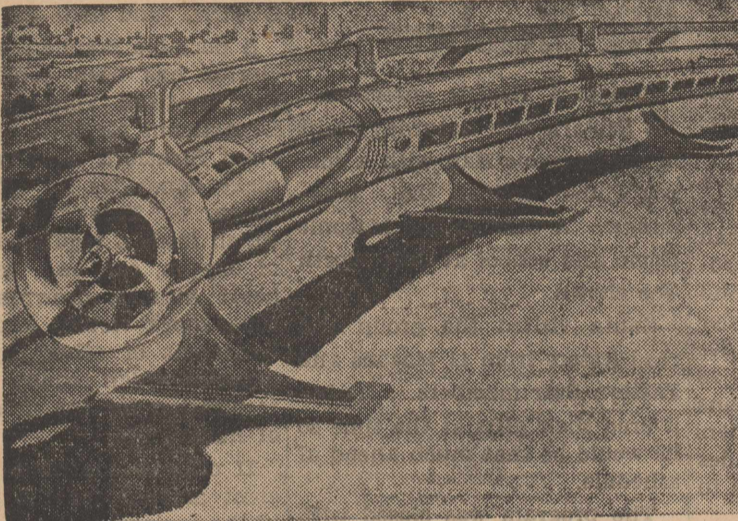
.12 Inch Of Moisture In Snow Friday

Snow falling over the Texas Panhandle Friday left .12 of an inch of moisture in the Stratford area. Very little wind accompanied the snow and the moisture was evenly distributed over the territory.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"My dear, nobody would DARE laugh at it!"



TRAIN OF FUTURE? . . . Artist's conception of a sky-riding train of the future, as seen by Frank Tinsley in the December issue of Mechanix Illustrated Magazine.

Developing Agriculture

In Sherman County With Linear Programming Offered By Doane's Agricultural Service Plan

(By E. Goule)

In this series of articles I have tried to present briefly some of the Doane Survey, recommendations made, and a little about linear programming. Now it may be well to consider some of the general conclusions and observations made by Doane's service from analyses of the farm plan guides they made for Sherman County.

A farmer should consider his entire set of resources in deciding upon a combination of enterprises and practices that will maximize his net farm income. The farmer should not base his plans on the returns to only one resource such as land.

As larger amounts of capital become available, Sherman County farm profits will increase.

A cash grain operation will return more per dollar or operating capital spent than other type operations. Where operating capital is extremely limited, farmers should pursue a strict cash grain type operation.

As more operating capital is available, livestock should be included in the farm plan.

Hogs will give the next highest return per dollar of operating capital spent, when the required grain feeds are produced on the farm. Beef cattle, where grain feed is produced on the farm, will give the next highest return per dollar of operating capital spent.

If operating capital is available and all land is utilized, additional grain may be purchased and fed through livestock to increase income.

Potatoes utilize land more efficiently than any other crop considered. However, they utilize operating capital less efficiently than any of the other crops or livestock. Farmers with small acreage might do well to produce some potatoes or a vegetable crop. The larger farms would likely do better with livestock.

When capital is extremely limited, the most profitable use of these funds is in a cash grain operation. On farms with irrigation facilities, the grain would be produced under irrigation. As more operating capital is available, this study indicates that one would make the highest return from a confined hog operation. If still more operating capital is available, the highest return would be from a beef operation.

The confined hog system was the most profitable hog system considered. The deferred beef plan was the most profitable method of beef production. Beef cattle make more efficient use of capital invested in buildings and equipment than do the hogs.

Risk was taken into consideration. It was considered in crop and livestock yields and in death loss for livestock. Common sense must be used in farm planning as to the risk a farmer can afford to take. Livestock will in the long run allow well financed producers to make more money than a cash grain operation. However, risk is increased. The farmer must decide for himself if he can afford to take the additional risk involved in a livestock operation. Due to the capital invested in buildings and equipment it is quite costly to go into livestock production for only one or two years and then let the buildings and equipment lay idle.

The potatoes on the irrigated farms were limited to a small acreage because of price fluctua-



NEXT? . . . Step right up . . . this sign on a London cemetery fence seems to invite, but it actually means "No Parking" in the area. Next? No thanks, not yet.

tions of potatoes. Also, experience and knowledge of potato production is limited in Sherman County. One should go slow when going into potato production until he gains a knowledge of production and of the market.

Diversification may be desired as a guard against risk, uncertainty and income variability even though profits are reduced. This means of reducing the variation in income may be extremely important for farmers that have a very limited capital reserve to rely on in the years of low production.

If native pasture is available, a livestock production system that will utilize this pasture would be desirable.

Limitation Of These Farm Plans

In all farm planning, future prices, input-output relationships and desires of the individual must be considered. The results of linear programming are dependent on the same factors.

The input-output relationships used in this study are assumed to be the projected average conditions for the next 10 years. These conditions may and will vary considerably in the county over this period. Prices will also fluctuate from year to year.

In this study it was assumed that the goal of the farmer was to maximize income from a given set of resources. Other factors may be of more importance to the individual farmer than that of maximizing farm income.

To be assured of the most profitable farm plan for a specific farm unit, individual farm planning is necessary. The resource situations used in this analysis were selected to represent typical farm situations in the county with anticipated improvements. The optimum income plans developed for the three farm types at various levels of operating capital should be used as general guides in farm planning on actual farms. The basic budgets developed must be recognized as representative and that they reflect the anticipated mode of all farmers.

Very few, if any, farms will be exactly like the farms used in this study. It is out of the scope of this study to develop farm plans for each individual farm.

If the farm plans presented in this study are used as guides, the farmers of Sherman County should improve their economic condition.

Nu Beta Chapter Meets With Mrs. Dettle

The Texas Nu Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Thursday, December 11, in the home of Mrs. Glennelle Dettle. The regular business meeting was held, and arrangements for the coming holiday season were completed.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Joyce Hart presented a most enjoyable and informative program on the art of gift wrapping. Immediately following the program, the members worked on centerpieces for the coming Christmas party.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were Mesdames Joan Bell, Glennelle Dettle, Vida Gaylord, Leonene Gribble, Bettye Lasley, Joyce Hart, Georgianna Lavake, Geneta Miller, Charlene Oquin, Margaret Reed, Gaynelle Riffe, Elizabeth Zimmer and Virgie Biddy.

Teams Playing In Panhandle Cage Tourney

Stratford Elks and Elkettes are playing in the invitation basketball tournament at Panhandle this week. Both teams played in the opening games of the tournament today.

Baptist Church

(M. E. Upchurch, Pastor) Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Training Union 6:30 p. m. Evening Worship 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer service 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.

Church of Christ

(Vernon Williams, Minister) Sunday Services Bible Study 10:00 a. m. Worship 10:55 a. m. Evening Worship 6:00 p. m. Tuesday Ladies class 9:30 a. m. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 p. m. A friendly welcome awaits you at all services.

Catholic Chapel

(Rev. James W. Sonderman, Mission Pastor, Phone Dalhart 235) Sundays Confession 8:15 a. m. Catechism 8:15 a. m. Mass 9:00 a. m.

Methodist Church

(Rev. Charles R. Gates, Pastor) Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. M. Y. F. 6:00 p. m. Intermediate Fellowship 6:00 p. m. Junior additional session 6:00 p. m. Evening Worship 7:00 p. m. Wesleyan Guild meets second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. W. S. C. S. Circles meet Wednesdays. Official Board meeting second Tuesday of each month.

Assembly Of God Church

(Rev. J. O. Brown, Pastor) Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Young People 6:00 p. m. Children's Church 6:00 p. m. Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m. Wednesday night service 8:00 p. m. The public is invited to all services.

Christian Church

(B. R. Clark, Minister) Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship 10:45 a. m. Youth groups 6:00 p. m. Evening Worship 7:00 p. m. Mid-week Bible Study and prayer 7:00 p. m. A friendly welcome awaits you at any service of the First Christian Church.

School Closes Friday For Holidays

Stratford schools will close at 1:50 p. m. Friday for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed Monday, December 29.

Buckles Buys Angus Cows

Richard M. Buckles recently purchased eight Aberdeen-Angus cows from Shuler Donelson, according to the St. Joseph, Mis-

souri office of the American Angus Association.

Antique cars take part in an "Old Crock's Race" between London and Brighton, England, each year.

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Perfectly sized for your family needs. Parks on a postage stamp, turns on a dime. Peak performance for miles and miles on a haulful of regular gas. Beautifully styled, richly upholstered, tastefully appointed. Costs less to buy, far less to operate.

VIEW THE NEW TODAY

T.O.C. Motor Co. Studebaker Cars and Trucks

The Stratford Star

Published Weekly By Brown Ross

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City Adopts—

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hold, residence, business house, or any place where people work or reside to have a metal barrel or metal container of some nature in good condition suitable to deposit trash and garbage to be deposited in said containers; that all containers be placed on the alley line, and in the event there is no alley adjacent to the property, then the containers shall be placed so as to be easily accessible to the trash and garbage vehicle.

Every person, firm, or corporation who shall omit or refuse to comply with the foregoing shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be fined in any sum not more than \$10.00 for each offense.

You've got to hand it to the income tax people, or they will come after it.

Mrs. Smith's

Eighth Grade

(By Joyce Scott)

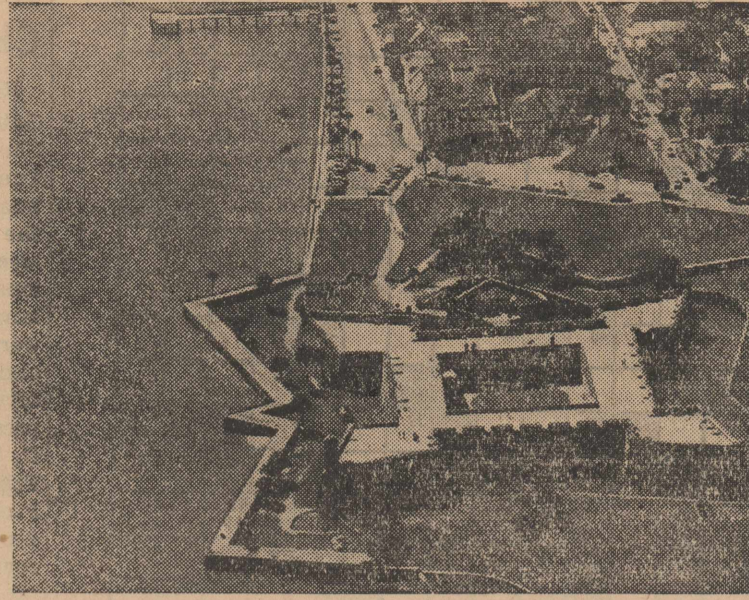
The Eighth Grade made one of their bulletin boards into a scene of the bright star shining down on Bethlehem and the three wise men during English class. They found the scene in their Junior Scholastic Magazines.

We have drawn names for Christmas presents and a committee has been selected to buy Christmas presents for our room mothers.

In geography we have each selected a country and sent a letter to each one to get free information. When the information arrives we will give a report on it.

The grooves between insulated ceiling tile may gather dust or grime. To prevent this, apply a fresh, thinned coat of pure, white shellac to the clean groove.

How Well Do You Know Your America?



Test your knowledge—or your guessing ability. See how far you must read before you can identify the famous American city and landmark shown above.

The city shown above is one of America's most famous year-round resorts. Practically surrounded by water, the city is ideal for boating enthusiasts and fishermen. Fine fresh water fishing is available along the St. Johns River, 15 miles west of the city.

Founded by the Spaniards in 1565, this city has retained much of its historic interest and Old World charm. Among the most picturesque landmarks is the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, shown in foreground of the above picture. This historic Spanish fort overlooking Mantanzas Bay is but one of the notable landmarks in the nation's oldest city.

The city is St. Augustine, Florida.

4th Grade Poems

A CHRISTMAS POEM (By Lynda Sutton)

I'm so glad when Christmas comes That I may do my part, I'll help someone that's far away To have a happy heart.

We celebrate our Lord's birthday With gifts of many toys. Let's all remember why we give To other girls and boys.

CHRISTMAS (By Teresa Brannan)

Christmas time is a time of glee, For little girls and boys like me, Christmas time is merry, When Santa comes with cheeks rosy as a cherry.

Santa brings toys For little girls and boys. He brings games and balls, And roller skates and dolls.

CHRISTMAS (By Jean Anne Ross)

Christmas is a jolly day, For both me and you. It comes to the near and far away, I wish it would come sooner don't you.

Santa comes on Christmas Eve night, He makes everyone feel

bright. I am so glad Christmas comes each year, The merry carols I'm happy to hear.

THE TURKEY (By George Williams)

Tap, tap, tap, Went the big turkey feet, Boom, boom, boom, And he was dead as a beet.

Tap, tap, tap, He was about ready to eat. Yum, yum, yum, And there went his meat.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING (By Terry Dalton Malone)

Christmas is coming, The geese are getting fat, Please put a penny In the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, A half penny will do, If you haven't got a half penny, God bless you.

CHRISTMAS (By Dick Diehl Jr.)

There was a boy who lived in Stratford town, Who couldn't wait 'til Christmas Came around.

The same boy once said, "In order to get presents you Have to be in bed."

Middle age is when our tripping becomes less light and more fantastic.

The WORLD OUTDOORS



THEY SAID it couldn't be done—but a West Virginian did it, and he can prove it.

Harry Magruder, Ridgeley, West Va., brought his turkey back alive... his wild turkey, that is, not one that he picked up at the supermarket for his Thanksgiving dinner.

Magruder picked up a wild bird with his hands in Hampshire County. Sam Saville, county conservation officer, will back up the story, for he reports that Magruder brought the bird into the game checking station.

The hunter explained that he had shot at the bird and that it had fallen over. While starting to pick it up, the bird got to its feet and began to run. Apparently dazed, the bird ran in circles. Magruder managed to pick up the bird, tie its feet and bring it alive to the checking station. He said that he could find no marks or wounds on the bird.

As far as conservation officer Saville knows, this was the first wild turkey ever checked alive at a West Virginia Checking station.

Federal aid funds totalling \$21 million have been apportioned for State fish and game restoration programs during the current fiscal year.

Derived from Federal excise taxes on sporting arms, ammunition, fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures and flies, the money is set aside in two special funds for the purpose of assisting the States in wildlife and sport fish restoration projects.

The money is distributed to each State on a basis that takes into account the ratio its land area and paid license holders bear to all the States. Each also is required to match every three Federal dollars with one of its own.

CHRISTMAS (By Dolly Mehner)

Christmas is a happy day, It comes just once a year. I hope it finds you very gay, And filled with warmest cheer.

We have a very pretty tree, I hope you like it too. I saw some presents there for me, And maybe some for you.

CHRISTMAS BELLS (By Pam Bennett)

Christmas bells are ringing As the snow is coming down. Children are singing as

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Forward they are bound.

Into the church we gather As we kneel and say a prayer, And I know everyone is Thankful for everything everywhere.

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It Pays — To Read Star Ads

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MORE MANEUVERABILITY — effortless power steering available for all models. See the new Ford All Purpose Tractors for '58. You'll agree they're great!

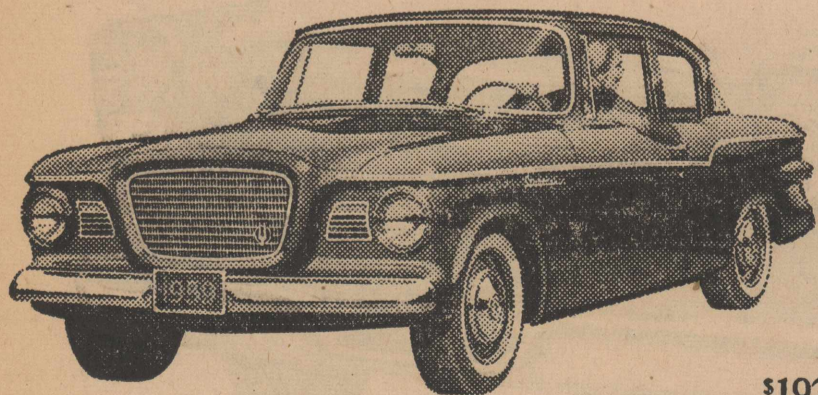
LOW DOWN PAYMENT — EASY CREDIT TERMS

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The one new car that costs less to buy, far less to operate...

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Christmas Is Wonderful

The very atmosphere of the Holiday Season is electric, sending you scurrying hither and you — planning and buying — shopping for presents for family and friends. The crescendo builds up to a wonderful climax on CHRISTMAS DAY!

Then grim reality creeps back. You've overspent again. Bills roll in and maybe it's the Fourth of July before you've caught up.

Christmas Is Wonderful If You Can Pay Cash for It

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Town Talk

Mr. and Mrs. John Lavake visited Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Beauchamp and Jackie in Pampa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vincent, Texhoma, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Yates Wednesday evening of last week.

Ted and Mark McAdams, who have been visiting in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lasley, for the past three weeks, expect their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McAdams, their brother, Steve, and sister, Karan, of Pasadena, to arrive this week end to spend Christmas in the Lasley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chesmer and daughters left Monday to spend the holidays with relatives in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. J. C. Sartain of Borger visited Mr. and Mrs. John Lavake Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Heath and Mrs. George Jones of Texhoma were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sutton Sunday.

Mrs. G. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor and Bobby visited in Lubbock last week end.

Mrs. G. L. Taylor visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor and Bobby, visited the Taylor's daughter, Patricia, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Tusha.

Lilrida Riffe returned home Wednesday from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Riffe.

Mrs. Paul E. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Don Warden and little daughter, returned Wednesday from a few days visit in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Demus Eller returned home Friday from a visit in the home of her mother in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ross, Spearman, and Mrs. Arthur Ross visited Arthur Ross in Dumas Memorial Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lelah Boney and Mrs. Bessie Hodges were visitors in Amarillo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Watson have as guests their son-in-law

Mrs. Donelson Honored With Pink And Blue Shower

Mrs. B. A. Donelson was honored with a pink and blue shower from 3:00 to 5:00 Saturday in the home of Mrs. Wright Davis, with Mesdames Wayne Harding, J. W. Flores, Arthur Judd, Jack Vincent and James Davis as co-hostesses.

Other honored guests were the honoree's mother, Mrs. M. L. Mitts, her grandmother, Mrs. I. R. Tompkins, her mother-in-law, Mrs. Cone Donelson, and Mrs. Cone Donelson's mother, Mrs. E. W. Butler.

The table was laid with white net over a pink cloth. It was centered with a miniature white sled filled with miniature toys, and drawn by seven pink and white reindeer.

Cake and coffee were served to about 35 guests. Favors of miniature storks carrying tiny pink and blue cradles were given to the guests.

As the honoree, assisted by Mrs. Tompkins and Mrs. Butler opened the many lovely gifts, Misses Linda Mitts and Donna Davis assisted the hostesses by arranging the gifts for display.

Mrs. H. Beauchamp Entertains Helen Nixon Circle

The Helen Nixon Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. H. Beauchamp for Bible study. Mrs. John Lavake had charge of the program in the absence of Mrs. Pruet Adkins. Mrs. Joe Brown led the opening prayer. The minutes were read and approved.

A motion made by Mrs. W. E. Pleyer and seconded by Mrs. W. O. Cook for the circle to sponsor the Sunbeams for their materials, carried.

Mrs. John Lavake taught the lesson "Man in Sin" by Waller M. Etheridge, and led the closing prayer.

Those present and discussing

and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Powell and children, Jamie and Butch, of El Paso. The Powell family, who arrived Saturday, plan to go to Abilene Monday, to spend Christmas with Mr. Powell's parents.

Clarence Judd and Bruce Biddy, PAMC students at Goodwell, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Judd and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biddy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lavake were business visitors in Clayton, New Mexico Tuesday afternoon. While there, they visited Mrs. Lavake's brother, Leon Beauchamp.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sutton left Thursday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James Dailey in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Mary Sears and children of Amarillo spent the week end visiting in the home of Mrs. Bess Stone. Mrs. Sears and Mrs. Stone were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lasley at Stevens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Steel and their nephew, Larry Steel, all of Dalhart, were recent guests in the Arthur Ross home.

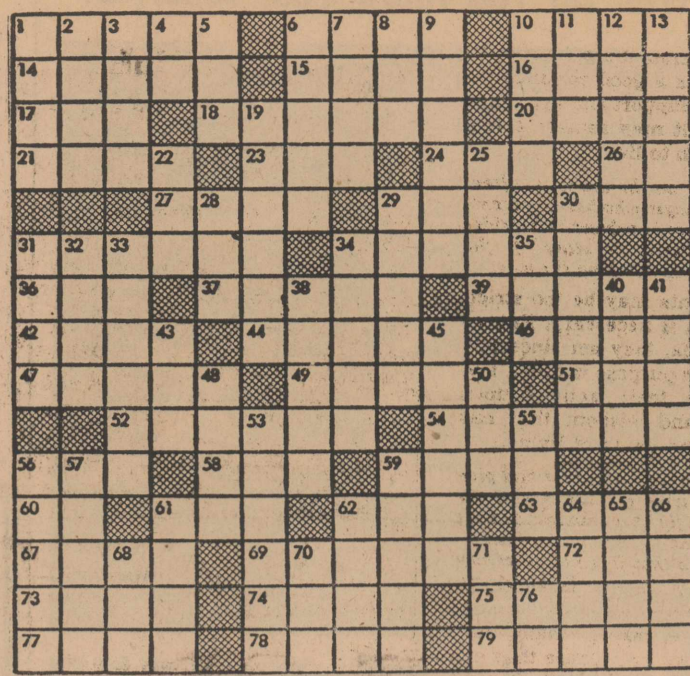
Shuler Donelson attended the O.K. & T. Angus Association directors meeting in Buffalo, Oklahoma Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Crutchfield had as guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges and daughters, Ginger and Mary and Mrs. Hodges' mother, Mrs. Brown, all of Dumas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. Biddy and son, Bruce, plan to leave Saturday, to go to Oklahoma City, where they will spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Biddy's mother, Mrs. J. M. Bybee. Ben R. Biddy, of Washington, D. C. plans to join his parents and brother in his grandmother's home Sunday and remain all Christmas week.

Mrs. Keith Gamble, Washington, D. C., is a guest in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kendrick, Mrs. Tim Flores, and Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Gamble.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



PUZZLE No. 529

ACROSS

- French soldier
- Weakens
- Rules
- Item of property
- Isles of Ireland
- Came to birth
- Head covering
- Whole
- City of learning
- Irish Gaelic
- Lubricating liquid
- Bitter
- Wet
- Testonic deity
- Shower
- Prefix: three
- Before
- Schools
- Goes by
- Roman bronze
- Singing voice
- Bird (pl.)
- Buddhist pillars
- Season
- Genus of frogs
- American Indians
- Container for flowers (pl.)
- Gratuity
- Swordlike weapon
- Goes fast

DOWN

- Top of head
- Eskers
- Doctrines
- French article
- American Indian
- Kind of cloth
- Seed coating
- Golf score
- Scotts
- Drinks with tongue
- Fourth call
- More sagacious
- Look at
- Dins
- Sukworm

25 Hazard

- Emmet
- Kind of pastry (pl.)
- Landed property
- Powdered soapstone
- Raise
- Flower (pl.)
- Kind of bear
- Norse goddess of healing
- Part of church (pl.)
- Wife of Gerasim
- Weakens
- Body of water
- East Indian herb
- Rod used

50 Mineral

- spring
- Within
- Unit of energy
- Icelandic tales
- Mickey
- Borders
- Short news article
- Mend
- Russian sea
- Dodecanese Island
- Endure
- Compass point
- River (Sp.)
- The ural
- North Syria deity

Answer to Puzzle No. 528

Crusaders Class Entertained With Christmas Party

Rev. and Mrs. Charles R. Gates entertained the Crusader Class with a Christmas party Tuesday night. The parsonage was decorated in keeping with the season, with a Christmas tree, beautiful candles of various sizes, festive wreaths, garlands and colorful lights. Games were enjoyed from 7:30 to 9:30 and delicious refreshments were served to the guests. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Plunk, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Frizzell, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pronger, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Don Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Woolsey, Mr.

and Mrs. Owen Hudson, Miss Dorothy Crossfield, Bill Ross, Rex Hudson, Mesdames Nina Elms, Allen Boren, Fred McDaniel, Carroll Wisdom, P. J. Pronger Jr., Max Stephenson and Rev. and Mrs. Charles R. Gates.

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We had a nice box and do thank every one.

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the interesting lesson were Mesdames John Lavake, W. E. Pleyer, Ollie Davis, H. Beauchamp, W. O. Cook, W. D. Ellis, Joe Brown, E. W. Butler, Mollie Ellison, W. P. Brooks, E. B. McQueen, V. M. King, Elma Mc-

Daniel, Mike Burgess, and one visitor, Mr. Beauchamp. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

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FOR AND ABOUT TEENAGERS

Everyone Has Important Obligations

By C. D. Smith



"My father is so strict I have no freedom at all compared to other kids..."

Outside of the concept that we are 'free' men because we live in a nation that believes in freedom...

possibilities, no obligations to meet, and we could just drift through life...

But we have obligations—to our individual selves, to the family that we are part of, and to the community in which we live.

tion and understanding; our community, if it is a good community, deserves our support and appreciation...

And, further on the matter of "freedom," the teenager who has no parental supervision or is subject to no elder authority...

Some parents may be too strict, more so than is necessary. But, as a general rule, they act sincerely, with the right purpose in mind...

The best advice the author can give to a teenager who feels his parents are "too" strict is for that teenager to conduct himself at all times in a fashion that will prove that it is not necessary for the guiding hand to be always so firm and heavy.

Generally speaking, many parents are not strict because they enjoy being so, or because they want to be—it is usually because they feel it is necessary that they do.

Truthseekers Class Has Christmas Party

The Truthseekers Class of the First Christian Church held their Christmas party Friday at 7:30 p. m. in Fellowship Hall of the church.

Dean Gifford read the story of Christmas from the Bible, and Jim Quisenberry offered the prayer preceding a covered dish supper.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dovel, Mr. and Mrs. James Lowe and Debbie,

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McDaniel are parents of a 7 pound 12 ounce son, David Richard, who was born at 10:20 a. m. Saturday at the Stratford Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Spurlock of the Spurlock Community, are the parents of a 5 pound ten ounce daughter, who was born in Dumas Memorial Hospital at 11:40 p. m. December 11.

Mrs. Meritt Sweny Is Southside Club Hostess

The Southside Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, December 11, in the home of Mrs. Meritt Sweny for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Don Ellison, president, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Baskin led the group in singing a Christmas hymn.

The hostess served cake and punch to Mesdames Ruby Campbell, Home Demonstration Agent, T. F. Baskin, Don Ellison, Lawrence Naylor, Joe Everett, Vernon Carter, James Bradley, and John Lavake.

The next club meeting will be January 13 in the home of Mrs. T. F. Baskin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Gifford and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Kayo McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Quisenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fedric, Stevie and Keith, and Mary Worley.

Mrs. Blanck Entertains Embroidery Club

Mrs. Nellie Blanck entertained the Embroidery Club with a Christmas party Thursday of last week. Her home was beautifully decorated.

Games were enjoyed. Two tots of the family, Ken Plunk and Barbara Moon, sang several Christmas numbers.

Guests present were: Mrs. Lela Moon, Mrs. Letha Crossfield, Miss Dorothy Crossfield, Ken Plunk, Barbara Moon, and Reba Ann Preston.

Among the Sick

Edd C. Garoutte went to a Halstead, Kansas clinic Sunday for a medical check-up.

Arthur Ross was admitted to Dumas Memorial Hospital Sunday for X-rays and treatment following a fall at his home Saturday night.

Woodall, Loretta Butler, Min Cameron, June Vincent, Grace Shirk, Addie Taylor, Elizabeth O'Brien, Kate Calvird, Edith Allen, Bernice Dortch, Agnes Foster, and the hostess, Mrs. Blanck.

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4th Grade—

(Continued from Page 3)

CHRISTMAS (By Marjorie Hampton)

Christmas is a merry time,
With children happy and gay.
They look forward to the day,
For they know Santa is on the way.

The children heard a very loud

knock.
They hoped it would be Santa
bringing
Them many toys,
Which would bring them much
joy.

CHRISTMAS (By Billy Green)

Do you like Christmas
When Santa comes?
It is for nice people



NO LONGER ALONE . . . Orphaned Marcelle Rienne, 4, cries when given her first doll by Candy Anderson, winner of Seventeen magazine's annual doll contest.

Besides old funny bums.

Christmas has many joys
For young and for old.
The children like the toys
That they can rap and fold.

And Christmas was the day
Our dear Christ was born
And finally came the cross
Where he had to mourn.

But Christmas is not just another day
When we can go and romp
and play
But we do have fun
Without having to run.

But any day is good with me
As long as I have eyes to see
But when we go to school
I feel just like a mule.

A CHRISTMAS POEM (By Vicky Burkham)

The night was calm
The sky was blue,
Down the hill came
A fruit wagon flew
A teacher was hit by
A flying bird.
Christmas is very happy

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney

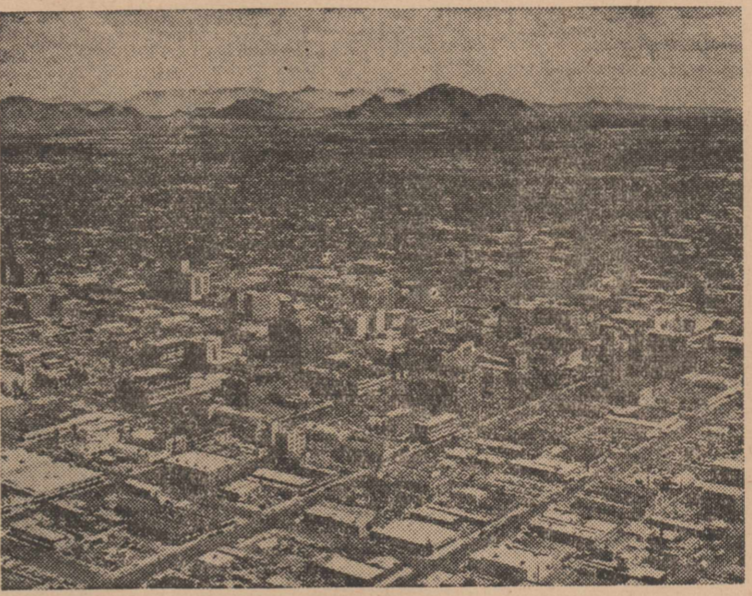
SAMMY AND I GOT 100 ON A SPELLING TEST AT SCHOOL TODAY.

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I hope you are happy on Christmas too.

CHRISTMAS BELLS (By Lynda Cook)
Hear the Christmas Bells,
How they tinkle tinkle
Their old familiar carols play.

Peace on earth and good will
To men for it is
Christmas Day.

WHY I LIKE CHRISTMAS (By Sharon Wilson)
I like Christmas Day
Because it is jolly and gay.
When Christmas bells begin
to ring
I like the things that Santa
will bring.

Santa will bring toys

For little girls and boys.
A boy gets a train
And a girl gets a candy cane.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE (By Helen Chavez)
Every green tree is ready
For the ice and snow.
Everyone tries to get the
Green tree full of ice and snow.

Everyone gets the best one,
Little boys and girls are happy
As can be waiting for Santa
On Christmas eve.

CHRISTMAS (By Vicki Jackson)
Christmas is the time
I like the best,
'Cause you get candy,

SCANNING THE NEWS

ONE of the major commercial developments of the past decade, the upbuilding of the shopping centers of the country, found an important source of capital for financing in the insurance policy funds. At mid-year 1958, the life insurance companies of the country had in excess of \$1,000,000,000 invested in loans to shopping centers. This represents hundreds of shopping centers in all sections of the country. There are now approximately 2,500 shopping centers in operation in the United States and an additional 1,400 are projected for construction this year and next, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. No tabulated figures are available as to aggregate financing needs of these centers, and such centers range from \$200,000 or possibly even less to as much as \$45,000,000 for one now under construction. The average value is believed to be between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 and the total value of those already operating has been estimated by some at \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000. The importance of this new marketing system, particularly in the development of "interurbia" and "suburbia," is more clearly shown by the estimate of total sales and services of all shopping centers in 1957, roughly \$35,000,000,000. Shopping centers have been almost entirely the development of the years since the end of World War II, especially the past two or three years. This huge development of shopping centers has affected a large share of the nation's consumers, one estimate putting the total consumer list of these centers at 70,000,000. Another impact of the centers has been on local employment, many thousands of jobs having been opened by their establishment. Some of the 2,500 centers employ hundreds of men and women, and they include up to as many as 70 shops each and some of them do an annual business estimated as large as \$80,000,000. The life insurance company financing of shopping centers has been effected primarily through mortgage loans, bonds and "lease-back" arrangements. Of the billion dollars of financing outstanding, the larger part is under mortgages.

Toys and all the rest.
Christmas comes just
Once a year,
I'm always glad when
It gets here.
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Consumers Co. Declares 1957 Dividend

Checks amounting to \$15,200 were mailed to stockholders of the Consumers Co. of Stratford Monday as their dividend checks for the business year of 1957.

Smith-McDonald Wedding Friday

Miss Carla Jean Smith and Douglas Edward McDonald of Denver, Colorado were married in Stratford Friday. Bruce Clark, minister of the First Christian Church, read the wedding ceremony.

ORDINANCE NO. 149

AN ORDINANCE SETTING UP A SANITATION SERVICE CHARGE BY COMBINING PRESENT SEWER, TRASH AND GARBAGE CHARGES; PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR LEVYING AND COLLECTING THIS CHARGE BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR NON-PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS CONCERNING GARBAGE CONTAINERS AND THEIR LOCATION AND PROVIDING FOR A FINE OF \$10.00 FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD, TEXAS:

Section 1. — That there shall be levied and collected a sanitation service charge in lieu of present sewer, trash and garbage charges to effect a combination of these charges into said sanitation service charge and the same shall be payable in one statement rendered to the patron.

Section 2. — That the City Council shall have authority after the effective date hereof to levy and collect said charge from all patrons by order properly entered of record in the minute book of said City in an amount deemed necessary for the proper maintenance and extension of the sewer system and trash and garbage disposal system.

Section 3. — That there is hereby provided and imposed a penalty of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for non-payment of the sanitation service charge. This penalty shall become automatically due after three days of the final notice given to the patron.

Section 4. — That the City Council shall have authority to require each and every household, residence, business house, or anyplace where people work

or reside to have a metal barrel or metal container of some nature in good condition suitable to deposit trash and garbage to be deposited in said containers;

All said containers shall be placed upon the alley line; in the event there is no alley adjacent to the property, then said containers shall be placed so as to be easily accessible to the trash and garbage vehicle;

Every person, firm, or corporation who shall omit or refuse to comply with the foregoing section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall be fined in any sum not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each offense.

Section 5. — All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and declared of no further force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED This 15 day of December A. D., 1958.

JIM TAYLOR Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: DAN FOREMAN (Seal) City Secretary 51-3tc



ON TOP OF THE WATER . . . Esther Williams, screen actress-swimmer, usually seen under water, water skis at Cypress Gardens, Fla.

All dealers, commission merchants and brokers of fresh fruits and vegetables in wholesale quantities must be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and abide by a strictly enforced marketing code.

Changes in the SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

- Payments will be increased about 7%.
- Increased checks will be mailed out in February 1959.
- A beneficiary needs to do nothing to get these increases.
- The new rates will be paid AUTOMATICALLY.
- Social security taxes will go up.
- In January, payroll deductions will be 2 1/2% on the first \$4,800 of 1959 earnings.
- Self-employed people will pay 3 1/4%.

Many additional people may get benefits for the first time

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Ask your social security office for a copy of Leaflet Number 1 on the 1958 Amendments.

One of the important reasons for social security insurance benefits is the protection of children, and the 1958 changes in the social security law make it possible to pay benefits to more children and more widows. In the case of children, this results from the removal of the adoption provision in the old law; in the case of widows, the removal of the adoption provision will also permit the payment of mother's benefits in most cases. It is no longer necessary that a child, other than the worker's own child, be an adopted child in order to qualify for survivor's benefits. The requirement now is that the child be "adoptable" and be adopted by the surviving spouse within two years after the worker's death. If the child was living in the worker's household as a member of the family, and was not supported by anyone other than the worker and his spouse he is now regarded, for social security purposes, the same as the worker's own child if he is adopted within 2 years after the worker's death. In the case of the adopted child of a retired worker it is no longer necessary that the

child have been adopted for as long as three years in order to be eligible for benefit payments. The 3-year restriction was put in the old law to guard against abuses through adoptions undertaken to secure rights to benefits. As adoptions are subject to court approval in the various States, however, Congress decided that this is a rare abuse, and removed the restriction from the law. Benefits are not payable to an adopted child immediately after adoption. Under the old law, the mother of a child adopted by her deceased husband could not get widow's benefits if their marriage had not been in effect for at least a year before his death. Under the amended law, the length-of-marriage restriction has been removed if the deceased worker legally adopted the spouse's child.

The Pittsburgh Civic Center, to be built at a cost of \$20,000,000, will have the world's largest retractable dome. The movable roof, 415 feet in diameter, is to be made of nickel-containing stainless steel and will convert the open air stadium to a weather-proof auditorium at the touch of a button.



PATTERNS . . . Tall man Will "the Still" Chamberlain, seven-foot basketball star, poses on a ladder against a still taller television tower.

Over 76,000,000 five cent coins are produced each year at the United States Mint in Denver, Colorado. Although the U.S. "nickel" contains only about 25 per cent nickel — the balance being copper — it takes almost 500,000 pounds of nickel to make these coins.

Rio de Janeiro's city government includes a Department of Agriculture. The reason is that Rio is far from occupying all of its special territorial unit, the Federal District. Sixty per cent of the District's 450 square miles is forest and 10 per cent is farm land.

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THE STRATFORD STAR

Letters To Santa -
(Continued from Page 1)

er with a fur collar. I hope you have a nice Christmas, too.
Love,
Lana Brewster

Dear Santa:
We have tried to be good little girls and help our mother. We would like to have a baby doll that cries and a stove and refrigerator. Don't forget to bring our little brother, "Erale" something.
Glenanna and Verlie Ellison

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy three years old, and I've tried to be a pretty good boy. I would like to have a train, service station, skates and a superman suit. Also, Santa, please don't forget my little brother, Phil, who is one year old. He would like to have a big tractor to ride and anything else you might have for him. Also don't forget Mother and Daddy, Nanny, Paw-pa, Grandma and Grandpa.
Thanks a-lot, and we love you lots.
John and Phil Walden

Dear Santa:
We just wanted to tell you that it would be fine with us if you want to leave our presents at our house at 3317 Thornwood Drive, Pasadena, Texas, even though we are visiting our Pa-Pa and Nannie Lasley. Don't forget our big brother, Steve. He is seven years old and couldn't come as he was in school. Don't forget our baby sister, Karan. They will be here to spend Christmas, too.
We are pretty good boys and we love you Santa. Anything you bring us we will be happy with.
Ted and Mark McAdams

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy two and a half years old.
I would like to have a big gun like Danny's for Christmas, and a big pick-up.
Your little friend,
Jimmy Lee Farris

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy almost four years old. Pap-paw says I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a horn, a choo-choo train with a railroad track, and a gun with a holster. My little brother has been a nice boy. His name is Keith and he is two years old. Bring him some toys, too.
We will be looking for you, Santa.
Love,
Steve and Keith Fedric

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a bride doll, and pink ice box for Christmas. Don't forget all my friends in Mrs. Corley's first grade, and be sure and don't forget Mrs. Corley.
Your friend,
Phyllis Rae Farris

The Victory Bell at Annapolis is rung only on the occasion of a Navy football victory over Army.

"I REMEMBER"
BY THE OLD TIMERS

From Mrs. Jeanette Turniansky, Riverhead, N.Y.: I remember going to the corner grocery store with a pint jar and buying a "measure of sour cream" for my mother. Other times it would be a half pound of butter cut in large irregular chunks from a butter tub. There were sacks of chic peas, barley, lima beans and split peas standing on the bare wooden floor. The odor of freshly ground coffee always greeted you. But best of all was the fact that the grocer always said a special "hello" with a gum drop, and knew every child by their first name.
There was always a penny spending money for my brother and I when we came home from school. Each penny was an adventure because there was so much to choose from behind the large glass showcase in the candy store. There were chocolate babies, 5 for a penny. There were barrels of wax with a sweet liquid inside. There were wax teeth, good for hours of fun. Boxes of thin slivers of licorice called "eats," always seemed enticing. Licorice whips always made the decision difficult. A yard of paper with small dots of candy on it often won out because it was so "shareable." Whatever the choice, it was always a big treat.
(Send contributions to this column to The Old Timer, Community Press Service, Box 39, Frankfort, Kentucky.)

Donkeys are the only mode of transportation in Clovelly (Devon, England) high street.

Ninety per cent of all New England's corporate communities are still governed by town meetings.

Of known United States coal reserves of 950 billion tons, 40 per cent is bituminous, 34 per cent lignite and 2 per cent anthracite.

During winter shipment of coal in open hopper cars, salt is used to prevent coal freezing and to facilitate its unloading.

Over 300,000 eye injuries occur yearly in American industry and safety experts believe about 90 per cent of them can be prevented.

Nearsighted children, more than any other group, like to read or do close work because their world is a limited one.

Our Specials Will Be Good Through December 24

Our Store Will Be Closed Christmas Day, December 25th Register For Free Groceries - Ham, Turkey, and Other Prizes To Be Given Away December 24 at 5:00 p. m. You do not have to be present to win. Just register every time you are in our store. December 24th will be the last drawing.



Hams SUNRAY SWIFT Fully Cooked ARMOUR'S Ready-To-Eat	
Large CHICKEN HENS	
Turkeys 7 to 10 Pound POUND	45
FRYERS FRESH DRESSED SWIFT OR DALHART POUND	35
BACON Corn King POUND	49
PORK ROAST Pound	35
SHORTENING KIMBELL'S 3 lb. tin LIMIT 2 CANS	69
CATSUP HUNT'S 14 Oz. Bottle — 20¢ 5 bottles for	95
KRAFT VELVEETA Cheese Food 2 Pound Box	85
MILK KIMBELL'S Tall Tin 3 cans for	39
CORN KOUNTY KIST 12 Oz. Tin — 15¢ 7 cans for	\$ 1
GREEN BEANS KIMBELL'S WHOLE No. 303 Tin — 21¢ 5 cans for	\$ 1
PEAS DEL MONTE No. 303 Tin — 21¢ 5 cans for	\$ 1
ASPARAGUS DEW DROP No. 300 Tin	25

FRESH OYSTERS	
FROZEN GIZZARDS CHICKEN 1 lb. pkg.	57
LIVERS CHICKEN 8 oz. pkg.	69
OYSTERS MYCO FANCY Reg. 8 oz. tin	35
MARSHMALLOWS KRAFT 10 Oz. Pkg.	25
CARMELS KRAFT 1 LB. PKG.	32
PECANS LARGE BULK PAPER SHELL LB.	45
WALNUTS NO. 1 BULK LARGE LB.	45
OLEO - Wilson Golden Brand COLORED QUARTERS POUND	17
CRANBERRY SAUCE OCEAN SPRAY 1-Lb. Can — 25¢ 4 cans for	95
PUMPKIN WHITE SWAN No. 300 Tin — 11¢ 10 cans for	\$ 1
MINCE MEAT WHITE SWAN 9 Oz. Pkg.	25
CITRUS PEEL ORANGE, LEMON AND CITRON 4 oz. Pkg.	19
CAKE MIX SWANS DOWN All Reg. Box	29
EXTRACT SCHILLING'S VANILLA 4 oz. Bottle	75
APPLE SAUCE KIMBELL'S No. 303 Tin	15

Jello ASSORTED FLAVORS Box Each	5
ROLLS - Mead's Brown and Serve 2 pkgs. for	39
BREAD BUTTER NUT SWEET HEART AND DOTTIE'S LARGE LOAF	19
CANDY - Bulk DOUGLAS ORANGE SLICES ASSORTED JELLIES WINNER CHOCOLATES CHRISTMAS FUDGE CHOCOLATE, SPANISH AND CREAM POUND	29
CANDY - Bulk DOUGLAS CHOCOLATE PEANUT CLUSTERS LADY FINGER CARMEL STAR POUND	49
CANDY Chocolate Covered Cherries 13 oz. box	49
PEACHES - Osage FREESTONE No. 2 1/2 Tin — 26¢ 4 cans for	\$ 1
PINEAPPLE DIAMOND SLICED No. 303 Tin — 26¢ 4 cans for	\$ 1
P-R-O-D-U-C-E	
ORANGES SUNKIST NAVELS Medium Size, LB.	12 1/2
BANANAS CENTRAL AMERICAN GREEN TIPS POUND	15
FRESH TOMATOES CELLO. PKG.	19
CELERY Pascal Large Stalk	13
CRANBERRIES OCEAN SPRAY 1 Lb. Cello. Pkg.	17
SPUDS IDAHO RUSSETT 10-LB. BAG	39
SALT KIMBELL'S 26 Oz. Box	9

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